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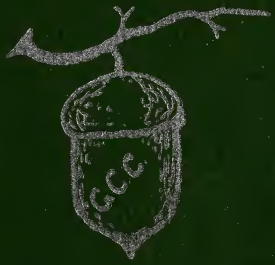

Eleventh Year: 1913-14

The girl who doesn't know
Sylvia, Damaged Goods
Mrs. Cramer
1503 Monroe St Toledo

General Culture Club

Fort Wayne, Indiana

Twelfth District

Organized 1903

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Joined Woman's League 1903

Joined Indiana Federation of Clubs 1912

"Little by little," an acorn said,
As it slowly sank on its mossy bed,
"I am improving every day,
Hidden deep in the earth away."

Little by little each day it grew,
Little by little it sipped the dew,
Downward it sent out a threadlike root,
Up in the air it sprung a tiny shoot.

Day after day and year after year,
Little by little the leaves appear;
And the slender branches spread far and wide,
Till the mighty oak is the forest's pride.

Club Colors—Pink and Green

Club Flowers—Carnation and Fern

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Keep us, O God, from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word, in deed;

Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off self-seeking.

May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face, without self-pity, and without prejudice;

May we never be hasty in judgment and always generous.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses straightforward and unafraid;

Let us take time for all things, make us grow calm, serene and gentle.

Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences; that in the big things of life we are as one;

And may we strive to touch and to know the great common woman's heart of us all; and O Lord God, let us not forget to be kind.

—Grace Julian Clarke.

Officers

Mrs. Luella Erwin .....President
Mrs. Maud Brown .....Vice-President
Mrs. Sarah Grosjean .....Secretary
Mrs. Jessie Sarver .....Treasurer
Mrs. Geo. W. Fitzsimmons ....Federation Secretary
240 E. Woodland Ave.

Past Presidents

Mrs. Edna M. Houck 1903
Mrs. Harriet E. Line 1904
Mrs. Addie Stockbridge 1905
Mrs. Elsie S. Houk 1906
Mrs. Jessie M. Sarver 1907
Mrs. Gertrude S. Carey 1908-9
Mrs. Gertrude Zollinger 1910
Mrs. Lillie E. Cramer 1911
Mrs. Luella Erwin 1912

Program Committee

Mrs. Frances Franke
Mrs. Sarah Grosjean
Mrs. Grace Jordan
Mrs. Luella Erwin
Mrs. Maud Brown

Order of Business

Roll Call
Reading Minutes
Program
Unfinished Business
Report of Federation Secretary
New Business
Good of the Club
Proposals for Membership
Adjournment

Delegates to Woman's League

Mrs. Luella Erwin

Mrs. Maud Brown

Alternates

Mrs. Gertrude Carey

Mrs. Jessie Sarver

Current Events

FOREIGN NEWS

Mrs. G. W. Fitzsimmons
Mrs. Sherman Anstett
Mrs. Don E. Bolens

NATIONAL NEWS

Miss Margaret Goshorn
Mrs. Dell Edmunds
Mrs. Thos. Comparet

STATE NEWS

Mrs. J. C. Jordan
Mrs. Wm. Hayes
Mrs. F. A. Emrick

LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. W. C. Dugley
Mrs. John Leiter
Mrs. A. E. Houk

CURRENT LITERATURE

Mrs. A. Grosjean
Mrs. B. F. Sarver
Mrs. J. B. Grosjean

WOMAN'S LEAGUE ITEMS

Mrs. R. K. Erwin
Mrs. C. H. Brown
Mrs. W. W. Carey

ECONOMICS AND PHILANTHROPHY

Mrs. Clem Brink
Mrs. A. F. Archibald
Mrs. Lou Kelsey

DOMESTIC SCIENCE

Mrs. J. L. Smethers
Mrs. John Terry
Mrs. Henry Franke
Mrs. E. Sterling

Course of Study

Miscellany

Foreign Countries

Supplementary Reading

Current Magazines

Stoddard's Lectures

What is a Woman's Club?

"A place where kindly thought is cherished,
Where high ideals are fed and nourished;

Where charity in all its beauty,
Is held to be a sacred duty;

Where peace and harmony abound,
And members meet on common ground."

Program

"My good people, it is not only impossible to please you all, but it is absurd to try."

October Ninth

Hostess, Mrs. F. A. Emrick

"October's foliage now is dipped,
In Autumn's crimson dye;
The Summer's idle dreams have fled,
And winter's work draws nigh."

Response .....An original rhyme on vacation time

Vacation Reminiscences

Luella Erwin .....Leader

Reading—Margaret Goshorn

Vacation Story ....Frances Franke

Current Events

October Twenty-Third

Hostess, Mrs. W. C. Dugley

Response .....Quotations on October

Civil Government

Callie Brink .....Leader

Parliamentary Drill

Luella Erwin

Current Events

November Sixth

Hostess, Mrs. A. F. Archibald

Response .....The Bible

White Slave Traffic

Bertha Edmunds .....Leader

Social Hygiene

Gertrude Carey

Current Events

November Twentieth

Hostess, Mrs. John Terry

"There are plenty of things to be thankful for;
There are plenty of people to be thankful to—
Hunt 'em up."

Response .....Thanksgiving Thought

The First Thanksgiving

Grace Jordan

Recitation .....Edith Archibald

Music .....Amy Fitzsimmons

Current Events

December Fourth

Hostess, Mrs. Lou Kelsey

Response .....Old Proverbs
Immigration:
Its Advantages .....Vera Dugley
Its Disadvantages .....LaElsie Houk
Peace Movement .....Mary Emrick
California and the Japs
Mary Grosjean
Current Events

December Eighteenth

Hostess, Mrs. W. W. Carey

Response .....What I Want for Christmas

"Oh! Woman, woman!
Man doesn't rule the world."

Woman's Day
Our State Laws Relating to Women ....Sarah Terry
Who Is Who Among Women .....Nora Sterling
Women's Rights
Jessie Sarver
Current Events

January First

Hostess, Mrs. E. Sterling

"Ring out the old, ring in the new;
Ring out the false, ring in the true."

Response .....New Year Resolutions

Vocational Education

Ida Kelsey .....Leader

Historical Events of 1913

Carrie Leiter

Current Events

January Fifteenth

Hostess, Mrs. A. Grosjean

Response .....Old Superstitions

Waterways

Nellie Smethers .....Leader

Panama Canal

Maud Brown

Current Events

January Twenty Ninth

Hostess, Mrs. R. K. Erwin

GUEST DAY

"These gatherings are well known for the good company one meets at them."

February Twelfth

Hostess, Mrs. Clem Brink

Response .....Valentine Rhymes

Norway and Sweden

Sarah Grosjean .....Leader

Review of Thelma

Edith Archibald

Current Events

February Twenty-Sixth

Hostess, Mrs. J. F. Smethers

Response .....Scotch Rhymes

Scotland

Maud Brown .....Leader

Famous Scotchmen

Ellen Hayes

Current Events

March Twelfth

Hostess, Mrs. John Leiter

Response .....Present Rulers of the World
Switzerland

Grace Jordan .....Leader
Life in Swiss Highlands
Katherine Anstett

Current Events

March Twenty-Sixth

Hostess, Mrs. Thos. Comparet

Response .....What I'll do when I have Time
Holland

Frances Franke .....Leader
Quaint Customs and Home Life of People
Ida Kelsey

Current Events

April Ninth

Hostess, Mrs. G. W. Fitzsimmons

Response .....Nicknames of States

Italy

Jessie Sarver .....Leader

Art, Language and Science in Italy

Mary Emrick

Current Events

April Twenty-Third

Hostess, Mrs. A. E. Houk

Response .....Quotations from Our Presidents

Spain

Laura Bolens .....Leader

Spanish Ways and By-ways

Verna Dugley

Current Events

May Seventh

Hostess, Mrs. William Hayes

Response .....Our Favorite Song
Russia
Amy Fitzsimmons .....Leader
Russia, Her Strength and Her Weakness
Callie Brink
Current Events

May Twenty-First

Hostess, Mrs. B. F. Sarver

Response .....Suggestions for Next Year's Work
Japan
Jennie Comparet .....Leader
Moral Life and Religion of Japan
Margaret Goshorn
Current Events

June Fourth

Hostess, Mrs. John Grosjean

DOMESTIC SCIENCE DAY

"The turnpike road to people's hearts I find
Lies through their mouths or I mistake mankind."

Response .....Labor Saving Fads
Suggestions and Experiences

Constitution of General Culture Club

ARTICLE I.—NAME

This Organization shall be called General Culture Club.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT

The object shall be to promote social and intellectual advancement among the members.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The membership of this Club shall be limited to thirty.

Sec. 2. Any lady desiring to become a member must comply with the following:

> Pledge herself to secrecy in regard to the business transactions of the Club; note carefully what is contained in the constitution and by-laws and sign the same.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS

Section 1. The Officers of this Club shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Sec. 2. The President shall perform the usual duties of a presiding officer.

Sec. 3. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in her absence.

Sec. 4. The Secretary shall record the minutes of each meeting, keep a record of the date of admission of each member, keep an account of the receipts and expenditures, collect all dues and fines, and make a report at the expiration of her term of office to the Club.

Sec. 5. The Treasurer shall be custodian of all funds, keep an account of all receipts and disbursements, and make a report at the expiration of her term of office to the Club.

ARTICLE V.—TIME OF ELECTION

An election shall be held annually.

ARTICLE VI.—HOW AMENDED

The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of all members present after due notice has been given at a prior regular meeting.

By-Laws

Section 1. The Club shall hold its meetings every alternate Thursday afternoon from 2:30 to 4:30 o'clock.

Sec. 2. The election of officers shall be held on the first meeting in May, each year.

Sec. 3. The nomination of officers shall be made on the afternoon of the election. The nominations for each office shall be immediately succeeded by the election of the same, and before the nominations and election of the next officer. If there is but one candidate, the Club may, by motion, authorize the Secretary to cast the vote of the Club for the nominee.

Sec. 4. The officers shall be elected by ballot, a majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to constitute a choice. Each member shall be entitled to one vote.

Sec. 5. The membership fee shall be twenty-five cents.

Sec. 6. The dues of each member shall be ten cents at each meeting.

Sec. 7. Each member who does not respond to the call of duty, and fails to provide a substitute, shall be fined twenty-five cents. Said duties being leadership for the lesson, or the preparation of a paper. A paper must be presented not later than the next meeting after the one for which it is appointed.

Sec. 8. Each member shall have the right to propose candidates for membership. To entitle a candidate to consideration, she must attend one regular meeting of the Club, and must take part in the reading at said meeting. Her name may then be proposed at any subsequent meeting, and the Club shall vote by ballot upon the proposal. No lady shall be asked to become a member until the above named conditions have been complied with. One negative vote shall bar a candidate for membership.

Sec. 9. All social functions given in the name of the Club shall be paid for from the funds in the treasury. For all social functions the President shall appoint all necessary committees.

Sec. 10. These By-Laws may be amended by two-thirds vote of the members present, provided the amendment be made in writing and recorded by the Secretary one week before final action is taken.

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In Memoriam

Mrs. R. C. Houck Mrs. S. J. Bowen

"O, White soul! from that far off shore,
Float some sweet song the waters o'er;
Our faith confirm, our fear dispel,
With the old voice we loved so well!"

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Bolens, Mrs. Don E. .....2028 Hanna St.
7002 Green
Brink, Mrs. Clem .....420 Archer Ave.
1828 Black
Brown, Mrs. C. H. .....925 Lake Ave.
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Carey, Mrs. W. W. .....2525 S. Calhoun St.
6074
Comparet, Mrs. Thos. .....1022 Lake Ave.
478 Black
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Grosjean, Mrs. A. .....502 Archer Ave
1837
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Jordan, Mrs. J. E. .....435 W. Butler St.
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Terry, Mrs. J. F. .....118 Pontiac St.
6785 Black

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